ALL ABOARD

With G. E. Mortimore

Events of Brotherhood Week: Government and labor leaders screamed insults at one another. Russia and America squabbled over Berlin, and each one threatened to blow up the world rather than yield an inch. Cubans kept on killing Cubans.

How bad will things get when Brotherhood Week ends and people start hating one another again?

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"It has puzzled me for quite a while just why so many people fear the passing of the years," writes Mrs. Kathleen Laughren, 4055 Santa Maria.

"I feel that providing you have average intelligence and a . . . feeling that you still have lots to learn, you are wasting your best years worrying about a little grey hair and a few wrinkles and the fact that you can't sprint 100 yards as quickly as you once did.

"In January Reader's Digest there is an article called "Your Mind Improves with Age." It has some data along these lines.

Longing for Their Youth

"I have seen people longing for their youth and the good things of middle life are passing them by. It's especially true of women who long for the days when they were at their most attractive, but if they would live each day at a time and get the most out of each day they would be so much happier.

"I have always read a great deal and now I have two boys, age nine and four, and it keeps me on my toes to keep up with them. I have no desire to be any younger, only wiser, to meet anything that I may have to face in the future.

"It is too bad that some employers feel that if you are over 40 you are over the hill. It's a mistaken idea. At 50, providing you have used your brain, you can learn as quickly as at any other time of life, and your intelligence can improve as long as you live if your interests are kept alive.

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G. G. Baiss, 3528 Richmond, writes in support of the campaign for humane slaughter.

"As a boy of 12 I sneaked down to the local slaughter house (in England). Bullocks were poleaxed before bleeding, that was OK; but it was done in the sight of victims to follow. Sheep had their throats cut and were thrown struggling in a corner. Pigs suspended and stuck (without being) stunned.

Blame the Housewives

"Calves were hung up and pricked in the throat. The butcher said they would be left like that until next morning. I said 'Very cruel.' He replied, 'Don't blame me, blame the housewives who demand white meat.'

"When I see a woman in a fur coat, I visualize the torture of the original wearer in a trap. England long ago stopped methods I have described, and also the shipment of horsemeat to the continent —but have not stopped shipment to Ireland where that nation of horse-lovers still ships three boatloads weekly to Belgium . . . A rough voyage there, to be hung up and tortured to death via the electric pump.

"On a mule-buying trip to Southern Bolivia, I camped one evening with some natives. They hung up and skinned two goats (alive). They said it was necessary, or the hides would not hold water. (I vomited.)

". . . Cultured women still attend bull fights in Spain, blood sports. Well, we can't do much about Latin countries, but at least we should be able to protect our own animals.

"I have brought carloads of horses from the B.C. Interior for sale, but when I saw the condition wild horses arrived in, in Vancouver, for slaughter, I declined to (accept them.) There is a terrible lot of cruelty practised there in breaking and catching.

"We have a long way to go yet, if we desire to be civilized."

MRS. DIANA BROMLEY
. . . must stand trial

ADLAI STEVENSON
. . . not very likely

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Boy Leaps To Escape Spanking

NEW YORK—An 11-year-old boy who incredibly survived a 17-storey leap to escape a spanking was in critical condition last night.

James Bell jumped after his mother threatened punishment for taking 25 cents from her purse to buy sodas. He landed on a bank of earth.

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GUILDFORD, England — **Mrs. Diana Bromley**, 40-year-old niece of **Boris Karloff**, has been ordered to stand trial for slaying her two young sons.

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New YORK—**Adlai Stevenson** expressed surprise yesterday that he had been named as a possible successor to **Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.** He said "I think it's very flattering, but I don't think it's very likely."

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WASHINGTON—**State Secretary Dulles'** doctors have agreed on a plan of treatment of his cancer, beginning Friday with radiation therapy.

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CHERRY POINT, N.C. — **Cpl. Matthew McKeon,** who led six Marine recruits to their deaths in a South Carolina creek in 1956, is being discharged because of a disability, a "ruptured intervertebra disc."

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HOLLYWOOD — **Kathryn Adams** of the silent films died Tuesday. Miss Adams, 65, appeared in Hollywood's first feature-length film, "The Squaw Man."

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MOSCOW—**V. M. Molotov** is back at his post as ambassador to Outer Mongolia.

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OTTAWA—**Japan will go it** alone on a peaceful atomic program as soon as it signs an agreement to buy uranium from Canada, **Japanese Ambassador Toru Hagiwara,** said yesterday.

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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—AFL-CIO official **Walter Reuther** has chided **President Eisenhower** for the time he spends "on golf courses and quail hunts." Eisenhower had commented on labor leaders meeting "on the sunny beaches" of Puerto Rico.

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WASHINGTON — A Senate labor sub-committee has approved **Sen. John Kennedy's** moderate labor reform bill after voting to retain Taft-Hartley law changes demanded by union leaders.

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WASHINGTON — **Sen. Hubert Humphrey** (D., Minn.) may enter several state primaries to test his strength in the 1960 Democratic presidential race.

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MONTREAL — **Sidney "Sonny" Lass,** 55, whose court-produced record showed he has accumulated 47 years in penitentiary sentences for convictions from Toronto to Vancouver, Wednesday was sentenced to one year in jail for possession of an unregistered revolver.

Names In the News

Sommers' Position Argued

Is Minister an Official?

The prosecution argued in the Sommers appeal Wednesday that a minister of the Crown cannot escape court punishment for a criminal offence simply by the fact he holds public office.

Prosecutor Victor Dryer advaanced the argument with scores of references as he fought a defence claim that former British Columbia lands and forests minister Robert E. Sommers was not an official of the government.

Mr. Justice J. O. Wilson, trial judge in the lengthy case which resulted in a five-year sentence for Sommers on charges of bribery and conspiracy, ruled Sommers was an official. The defence had argued he was wrongly charged as an official under the old Criminal Code which does not mention minister.

Mr. Dryer also argued that a limitation section of the old code precluding prosecution for bribery offences more than two years old, had not expired by the time Sommers and others in the case were charged.

Appealing with the 48-year-old former minister, who resigned from the cabinet early in 1956, is H. W. Gray, Vancouver timber executive. Gray drew a total sentence of five years as Sommers' convicted co-conspirator.

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Core of Appeal

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A three-judge panel headed by Mr. Justice H. I. Bird, is hearing the involved appeal. The case may end Friday but judgment is expected to be reserved for some time and may be handed down in Vancouver.

Mr. Justice Bird asked counsel for elaboration on the historical background of the Criminal Code. He noted the old British code conferred the privilege of impeachment of a minister to the British House of Commons but wondered if the Canadian Parliament and its legislatures enjoyed such a right.

Mr. Dryer, citing reference after reference, said "there is no immunity from prosecution in the King's court for a minister of the Crown."

Any impeachment action taken by the Commons would be for abuse of the rights and privileges of Parliament and would be apart and would follow any criminal prosecution through the law, he said.

He said his references showed impeachment had fallen into disuse in Britain where it could be proceeded with through the House of Lords. But in any case there was nothing analogous to the House of Lords in the B.C. legislature.

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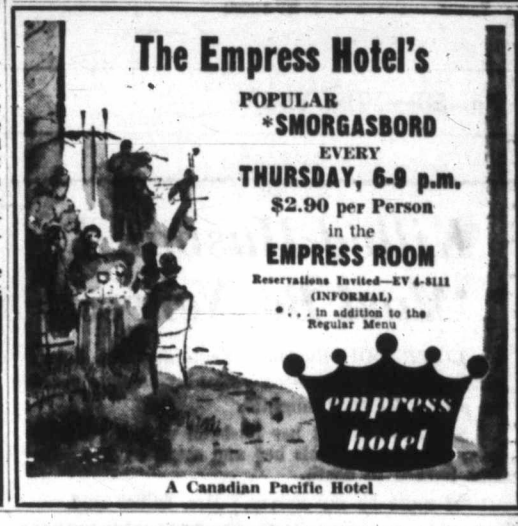

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Ship Calendar

Venture Cadets Off On Pacific Cruise

Second major training cruise for officer cadets of HMCS Venture will leave Esquimalt on Monday.

Some 45 second-year cadets will embark on four frigates of the Fourth Canadian Escort Squadron for a 67-day trip calling at ports in Hawaiian Islands, Fiji and Samoa.

Ships will be Sussexvale, Antigonish, Beacon Hill and Ste. Therese.

On the homeward voyage, the squadron will take part in week-long exercises with the U.S. fleet off San Diego. They return to Esquimalt on May 1.

The first HMCS Venture training cruise earlier this year took 85 first-year cadets to the Hawaiian Islands.

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Victoria Machinery Depot will build a steel barge for Arctic Shipping Company of Edmonton identical to the one turned out by the yard last year.

The design, especially created for work in northern waters, is by naval architect Dereck Cove of Vancouver.

When completed the barge will be towed from Vancouver with a load of equipment and supplies. It will arrive at McKenzie Bay via the Bering Strait.

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Merchant shipping in Island ports includes the Judith Ann and Stromboli, Victoria; Rolv Jarl, Cowichan Bay; Hosei Maru, Texada Island; Island Skipper, Crofton; Alameda, Chemainus; Cape Grafton, Tahsis; King Charles, Bessenggen, Rondo and Siglanti, Alberni.

Weather Forecast

February 19, 1959

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers becoming more frequent in the evening. Little change in temeprature. Winds northeasterly 15, increasing to 25 in the afternoon. Wednesday precipitation, .16 inch. Sunshine, 1 hour, 6 minutes.

Recorded Temperatures
High ..... 47 Low 39

Forecast Temperatures
High ..... 45 Low 37
Sunrise ... 7.16 Sunset ... 5.41

East Coast of Vancouver Island — Mostly cloudy. Scattered showers in the afternoon becoming more frequent in the evening. Little change in temperature. Winds easterly 15, increasing to 20 in the afternoon. High and low at Nanaimo, 45 and 32.

West Coast of Vancouver Island — Mostly cloudy with scattered showers in the south. Little change in temperature. Winds easterly 15 becoming 25 in the south in the afternoon. High and low at Estevan Point, 48 and 38.

TEMPERATURES

	Min.	Max.	Precip.
St. John's	22	32	.22
Halifax	25	37	Trace
Montreal	13	30	.22
Ottawa	14	24	.12
Toronto	15	28	.11
North Bay	0	15	--
Port Arthur	—18	1	--
Kenora	—22	—5	--
Winnipeg	—25	—5	--
Brandon	—22	—3	--
The Pas	—23	—1	--
Regina	—23	0	--
Saskatoon	—26	2	--
Prince Albert	—36	3	--
North Battleford	—20	2	--
Swift Current	—18	3	--
Medicine Hat	—17	4	--
Lethbridge	—19	4	--
Calgary	—16	7	--
Edmonton	—11	10	--
Kimberley	—15	14	--
Crescent Valley	9	27	--
Kaslo	4	29	--
Grand Forks	5	26	--
Kamloops	—3	26	--
Penticton	12	25	.07
Vancouver	33	45	--
Prince Rupert	27	46	--
Prince George	—21	16	--
Whitehorse	0	15	--
Seattle	40	46	.13
Portland	39	43	.28
San Francisco	54	61	.46
Los Angeles	51	68	.03
Spokane	21	25	.19
Chicago	14	20	.05
New York	35	44	Trace

TIDES AT VICTORIA
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
19	10.20	8.4	18.52	2.7				
20	04.54	7.9	08.48	7.7	11.28	8.5	19.28	2.4
21	04.44	7.8	07.31	7.3	12.24	8.6	20.04	2.3
22	03.41	7.7	08.12	6.7	13.19	8.5	20.40	2.3
23	03.34	7.9	08.56	6.1	14.12	8.4	21.16	2.6
24	03.57	8.1	09.41	5.4	15.08	8.1	21.54	3.1
25	04.28	8.4	10.31	4.8	16.08	7.7	22.32	3.8
26	05.00	8.6	11.22	4.2	17.12	7.3	23.12	4.6
27	05.38	8.8	12.16	3.7	18.25	6.9	23.54	5.4
28	06.14	8.9	13.15	3.2	21.30	6.6	.....	
March								
1	00.31	6.2	08.53	8.9	14.19	2.9	23.38	7.0
2	01.05	6.9	07.35	8.9	15.26	2.7	.....	
3	08.25	8.7	16.35	2.6	.....		.....	

TIDES AT FULFORD HARBOUR
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
19	03.55	10.6	08.31	9.4	12.23	10.1	20.15	3.4
20	04.21	10.9	08.15	9.1	13.27	10.2	20.57	3.1
21	04.45	11.1	09.52	8.7	14.31	10.3	21.39	3.0
22	05.10	11.3	10.29	8.1	15.28	10.4	22.18	3.1
23	05.36	11.3	11.07	7.4	16.27	10.3	22.50	3.5
24	06.02	11.6	11.50	6.6	17.27	10.2	23.38	4.1
25	06.31	11.1	12.34	5.8	18.30	10.1	.....	
26	00.20	5.0	07.01	11.7	13.20	5.0	19.38	9.9
27	00.04	8.1	07.32	11.6	14.11	4.4	20.54	9.7
28	01.52	7.2	08.06	11.4	15.07	3.9	22.23	9.7
March								
1	02.48	8.2	08.41	11.2	16.07	3.6	.....	
2	00.02	9.9	04.04	9.0	09.21	10.8	17.10	3.3
3	01.33	10.3	05.41	8.4	10.15	10.5	18.13	3.2

Today's Events

Victoria Rotary Club, 12.10 p.m., Empress Hotel, Jack Webster, New Westminster radio commentator, speaks on "Another Man's Poison" . . . **"Y" Men's Club,** 6.30 p.m., YMCA club room . . . **Oak Bay Kiwanis,** 6.15 p.m., Oak Bay Beach Hotel, Mrs. Phoebe Noble speaks on "Astronomy and Sputniks" . . . Public meeting, 8 p.m., Newstead Hall, 734 Fort, John Eason of Toronto speaks on the subject "Whither Mankind?" . . . **Optimist Club,** 12.10 p.m., Pacific Club . . . Victoria and Islands Branch of the **Canadian Authors' Association,** 8 p.m., YWCA, speakers, Mary Wright and R. D. Smith . . . **Cosmopolitan Club,** 6.45 p.m., James Bay Hotel, speaker, Lee Hallberg.

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